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Recreation Department Announces Revised Pool Schedule for August Sprinkler Hours to Expand at 10 Parks

JERSEY CITY – Due to low attendance at several pools located in public schools, the Jersey City Recreation Department will revise its pool schedule and keep open a total of seven pools – four indoor and three outdoor – for the remainder of the summer. Additionally, the city's park sprinklers – which have seen a dramatic increase in use – will have expanded hours at ten locations.

"Unfortunately, three of the pools we had open in schools did not see much use outside of the day camps who brought their children there," said **Recreation Director Joe Macchi**. "On some days, there were only a handful of swimmers. We have decided to allocate resources in a better way by moving staff to locations that have seen more volume."

The pools and sprinklers remaining open cover all areas of the City. The new hours go into effect **Monday, Aug. 6 through Friday, Aug. 31, 2012**. A special holiday schedule will be announced later in the month for Labor Day weekend.

Outdoor public pools:

- Lafayette Pool & Aquatic Center
 Rev. Ercel Webb/Lafayette Park, Johnston Ave. & Van Horne St.
 Hours: Monday Friday, 7AM 8PM; and Saturday Sunday 10AM 7PM
 Lap swim Mon. Fri., 7AM-9AM
- Pavonia Pool, West Side and Pavonia avenues
 Hours: Monday Thursday 8AM 6PM;
 Adult, lap swim: 8AM 10AM; Open Swim: 10AM 6PM
 Friday, 12PM 8PM (open swim), Saturday & Sunday, 10AM 7PM (open swim)

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The four **pools located at Jersey City Public Schools** that will remain open and which are available for residents to use during the remainder of the summer are listed below:

P.S. # **16**, 96 Sussex St.

Mon., Wed., & Fri., 10am -2pm

P.S. # 27, 201 North St.

Mon. – Fri., 10am - 4pm

P.S. # **41**, 59 Wilkinson Ave.

Mon. – Fri., 12pm-8pm

Sat.,12pm-4pm

Ferris HS, 35 Colgate St.

Mon. – Fri., 11am-8pm

Sat., 12pm-4pm

The Water Sprinkler Systems located in ten City parks, which have been frequented by a high number of children, will have expanded hours. Instead of opening at 11 a.m., the sprinklers will be turned on daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (weather permitting) at the following locations:

	Wilkinson Avenue/Playground
Pershing Field	Wilkinson Ave. & MLK Drive
Manhattan Ave. & Central Ave.	
	Roberto Clemente Park –
Audubon Park	Enos Jones
Audubon Ave. & Kennedy Blvd.	8th Street & Brunswick Street
Terrace Park	Virginia Avenue Park
Terrace Avenue & Thorne Street	Virginia Ave. & Bergen Ave.
Arlington Park	Rev. Ercel Webb/Lafayette
Arlington Ave. & Minerva Street	Park
	Lafayette St. & Van Horne St.
LaPointe Park	
DeKalb Avenue	Dr. Lena Edwards Park
	Johnston Avenue & Pine Street

Hours at the following parks will **11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily** (weather permitting):

Hamilton Park (McWilliams Place) Columbia Park (Bartholdi Ave. & Kennedy Blvd.)

Bayside Park (480 Garfield Avenue)

Thomas McGovern Park (Delmar & Sycamore Roads)

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